



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact - July 20, 2015

FirstNet News

- FirstNet is pleased to present a [new video on the data collection effort](#) that is to be completed initially by September 30. We developed this video to review the key elements of data collection and explain its importance to FirstNet and public safety agencies at all levels of government. Thanks to Todd Early, Texas SPOC, and Randell Harris, Information Technology Manager for Quinault Indian Nation and PSAC Tribal Working Group member, for appearing in the video to discuss data collection in the States and Tribal Nations.
- Last week, FirstNet conducted the Illinois and Alabama initial consultation meetings. We also attended and presented at the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference and Association of Government Accountant's Conference.
- This week, FirstNet will attend and present at the North Carolina Police Executive Association Conference. Federal activities include a FirstNet-hosted federal agency data collection webinar and a consultation with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Secret Service.
- FirstNet will be in Georgia on 7/21 and Tennessee on 7/23 for initial state consultation meetings. To date, FirstNet has held 40 consultation meetings involving more than 2,400 public safety representatives. There are 12 additional initial state consultation meetings scheduled for later this year: California (7/28-30), Pennsylvania (8/4), Hawaii (8/11-12), American Samoa (8/13-14), Indiana (8/26), Michigan (9/1), New Jersey (9/3), Alaska (9/9), Arizona (9/15), CNMI (10/20), Guam (10/22) and Oklahoma (10/28). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).
- FirstNet is accepting applications for the following area leads (4 positions); the announcements close today, July 20:

Supervisory Communications Program Specialist (ZA-0301-05)

First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet)

Location Negotiable After Selection

DEU vacancy announcement: [NTIA-FRNA-2015-0186](#)

MAP vacancy announcement: [NTIA-FRNA-2015-0179](#)

News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- Last week, conference calls were held with the Early Builder Working Group (EBWG) and the Public Safety Grade Task Team to continue work on their respective taskings.
- The July monthly regional calls are being replaced by individual calls with all 56 states and territories focused on specifics about data collection progress and outreach. Our goal is to obtain a better understanding of the efforts in each state and territory, answer questions, identify potential issues, and continue towards our goals of folding stakeholder user data into our upcoming Request for Proposals and the state plans that will follow.

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

The media coverage of FirstNet this week involved state and local activities related to planning for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network.

Urgent Communications: LA-RICS Works Toward September Public-safety LTE Deadline, Opponents Still Claim RF-Emissions Danger

<http://urgentcomm.com/public-safety-broadbandfirstnet/la-rics-works-toward-september-public-safety-lte-deadline-opponents->

There is a lot of work to be done, but the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) still plans to complete the deployment of its public-safety LTE system by the end of September, although the project continues to receive opposition from groups claiming dangers from radio-frequency (RF) emissions.

FierceMobileGov: FirstNet Helping to Develop Mobile Communications Systems as Part of Nationwide Network

<http://www.fiercemobilegovernment.com/story/firstnet-helping-develop-mobile-communications-systems-part-nationwide-netw/2015-07-14>

The organization behind a national effort to build an interoperable broadband communications network for police, firefighters, paramedics and other first responders is also looking to develop mobile systems that would provide temporary coverage for emergency personnel when they're outside the network.

SCV News-CA: The Next Step in Communications for County's First Responders

<http://scvnews.com/2015/07/12/the-next-step-in-communications-for-countys-first-responders/>

A new public safety broadband data network is poised to dramatically enhance law enforcement communications and radically improve policing overall.

Web and Social Media

The FirstNet social media communications channels continue to grow steadily. The FirstNet Twitter account continues to expand rapidly, this week gaining more than 40 followers, with a total of 2,427 followers; LinkedIn 816 users; Google+ 49 users; and YouTube 132 subscribers.

As discussed above, FirstNet released a new video to review the key elements of data collection and explain its importance to FirstNet and public safety agencies at all levels of government. The video included Todd Early, Texas SPOC, and Randell Harris, Information Technology Manager for Quinault Indian Nation. View the video at www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-video-blog-data-collection.

FirstNet also published several blog posts this week, including the state consultation report from South Carolina and one from the FirstNet Office of the Chief Technology Officer on the Mobile Communications Unit (MCU) and its role in incident deployment and coverage extension options. The MCU blog was covered by several media outlets. All blog posts can be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog.